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**PROJECT H3**

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**Project H3 Celebrates Work In Housing Medically Vulnerable Individuals**

*Project H3: Home, Health, Hope Community Celebration – Changing Systems, Saving Lives*

PHOENIX (June 10, 2011) - Project H3: Home, Health Hope will be joining with leaders and community stakeholders from the Valley's nonprofit, government, business and faith-based organizations on Monday for a celebration of the community's success in housing our most medically vulnerable friends without homes.

Project H3 is a collaborative effort of community leaders from non-profit, government, business and faith-based communities in the Valley of the sun. Its goal is to end homelessness in our communities.

In April 2010, 163 community volunteers canvassed the streets of targeted areas in Phoenix, Mesa and Glendale, using [Common Ground's Vulnerability Index](#) to survey and create a by-name list of individuals experiencing homelessness who have been on the streets the longest and are the most vulnerable.

Valley partners, volunteers, and providers responded with housing and service resources to the most vulnerable in an effort to reduce chronic homelessness within targeted communities. We worked together to address the unique needs of this allegedly "service-resistant" population by navigating them into housing so they can then address underlying health, substance abuse, and/or behavioral health issues and improve their quality of life.

Joining the celebration will be Becky Kanis, a West Point graduate who left the military and joined Common Ground, a national organization whose [100,000 Homes campaign](#) is determined to house 100,000 Americans by July 2013. Ms. Kanis will provide updates on these efforts. In addition, ASU, Project H3's research and evaluation partner, will share preliminary results from some of their findings.

**Who:** Members of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, Project H3 leadership and volunteers, homeless service providers and advocates.

**What:** Project H3's One Year Community Celebration

**Where:** ASU's College of Nursing and Health Innovations Auditorium – 500 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Phoenix, 85007

**When:** Monday, June 13, 2011 at 2 p.m.

**Why:** To celebrate the community's accomplishments in housing our most medically vulnerable friends who previously lacked homes, and the amazing progress being made to end chronic homelessness by Changing Systems, Savings Lives.